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"A great resource! Karen's out-of-the box thinking about editing brings a new level of insight and articulation to describing what editors do and how we do it." - *Jason Ballantine, ASE*

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